Sarv a Shiksha Abhiyan in East Godavari District

2048 SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE .DEVELOPMENT be pleased 10 state:

(a) Whether Government have chosen East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh to launch Sana Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). aimed at achieving ihcgoal of universal elementary cducati on.

(b) if so, when this schc:i e is gping to be launched; and

(c) the main features of the scheme"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN ' THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Scheme is being implimented since October, 2001

(c) The Scheme of Sana Sh. khsa Abhiyan aims at Univcrsalisation of Elementary Education. Il is a conr uinity based programme to provide eight years of Elementary Education to ; I children in the age group 6-14 years by 2010. The main features of the Schcir. : arc:—

(l) To provide School/AIic/i ativc School within onc Kilometer of school-less habitation, which includes opening of new primary schools and upgradation >f existing primary schools to upper primary schools.

(in Construction of Buildings for Buildinglcss schools, toilets, provision of additional classi oomsand block Resource Centres as well as Cluster Resource Cent res

(iii) One teacher for even- 4() children in elementary school. At least luo teachers in a primary schoolI

(IV) Training to teachers with a focus on quality education.

I Annual school grants and teachers grants

) Support to Early Childhood Care and Education Centres.

(vii) Focus on Education of Girls. SC/ST and children from other disadvantaged groups. Provision of free textbooks to all Girls and SC/ST children.